

livestock industry. S.G.S. Pocahontas Co.

as he built up the Livestock Shipping Association, the wool pool, the Farm Bureau to the highest possible peak, as this tipe of men are needed everywhere so the State Department at Morgantown having noticed his achievements in Pocahontas County and took him to Morgantown to the Extension Department. It was through his efforts that we have our feeder calf sale annually, the ram sale, and more purebred sires on the farms of Pocahontas County.

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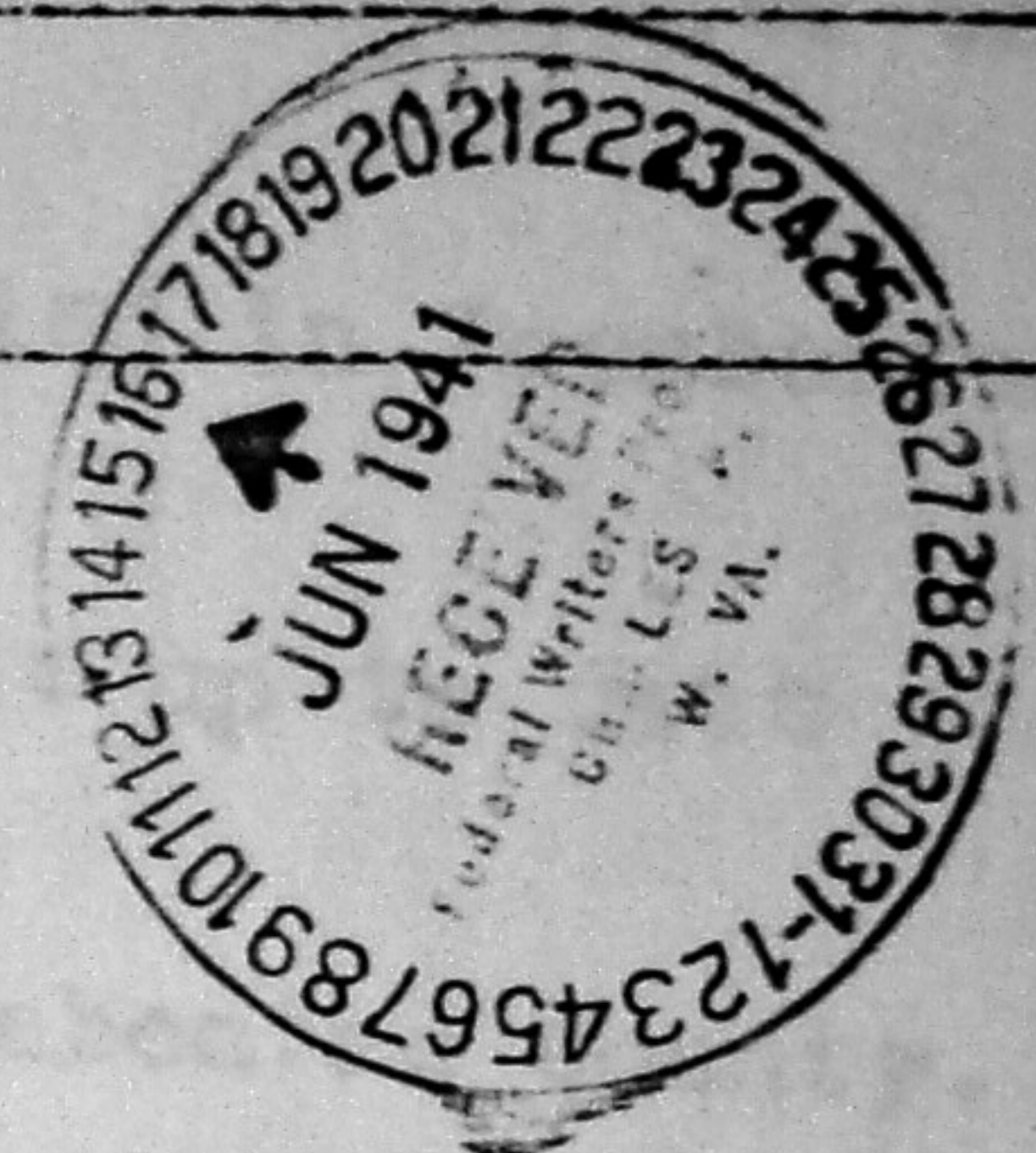
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Maple sugar and Maple syrup-

The maple syrup industry of Pocahontas County started back in Indian times as we first had the wooden trough burned out by the Indian and hot rocks were used in these troughs to boil the sugar water down, then the old iron kettle used by the hardy pioneer that first settled in Pocahontas then came along the sugar pan and today we find many of the up to date evaporators in use in some of our larger sugar orchards in Pocahontas County.

Sugar maple trees are found in many parts of Pocahontas especially on the elevated flats and in the many rich coves scattered over almost the entire county. Many old sugar trees found throughout the county bear the mark of many tappings and some in a very crude way as some were tapped by the upward stroke of an ax and in this notch a thin shingle like board was driven this carried the sugar water to the old open trough which was either burned or chopped out of some sort of soft wood namely Poplar, and Cucumber and the troughs made by the Indians were burned out and by the first settlers while the troughs made in the latter part of the 18th century and the ones made at the present time were chopped out with a foot adz many of which are found in some of the older camps throughout the county that are opened each year for home use, the old time spile made from sumach to carry the water from the tree to the trough was used until it was replaced by the metal spile on which was made hooks on which to fasten the buckets.

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X Many sugar camps are tapped each spring throughout the county but most of these are for home use however we find many camps that make both syrup and sugar for sale among them is an up to date camp on Clover Creek Mountain operated by Ligon Coyner of Cloverlick the sugar orchard is on Gov. ernment land but the camp is on the farm of Berry Coyner this is the largest camp in Pocahontas County and said to be the 3rd largest camp in the United States. They started operation in the spring of 1940 at which time they tapped enough trees to use 6,500 buckets. His equipment consists of an evaporator with the capacity of 20,000 gallons of sugar water extensive pipelines a storage tank or gathering tank) his entire equipment cost between \$4 and \$5,000.00 in this evaporator is what is known as a Hydrometer an instrument for measuring the specific gravity of liquids, also the strength of liquids and by the use of this they are able to make syrup of uniform thickness, color and strength by using this instrument they are able to make a syrup to put on the market meeting all standards of requirements set forth by the government according to Mrs Ligon Coyner 20,000 gallons of sugar water makes about 600 gallons of high grade syrup which they find ready sale as this syrup is bought for fancy trade as they sell the Greenbrier Hotel at White Sulphur Springs 200 or more gallons each year besides what is sold locally to the W. Va. Pulp and Paper Company at Cass, W. Va. the ~~XXXXXXXX~~ remainder going to Ohio in bulk in